GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Promotion of e-Commerce
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a committee to suggest measures to promote e-commerce in the country;

(b) if so, the details along with the present status thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received suggestion to route its purchase through e-commerce;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether the Government has taken steps to regulate and licence e-commerce in various products including food and food products in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): A Committee has been constituted to examine various issues relating to e-commerce under the Chairmanship of CEO, NITI Aayog. The Committee inter-alia comprises representatives from Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Department of Consumer Affairs and certain State Governments namely Assam, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Punjab.

(c) & (d): Different Ministries/ Departments receive suggestions on various issues, which are considered by the Government and necessary amendments, if required, are made in the policy from time to time. Further, Government has inserted Rule 141 in General Financial Rules (GFR), 2005, which provides that Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal will host an online e-Marketplace for common use goods and services. Details thereof are at Annexure.

(e): The e-Commerce companies have to comply with the Companies Act and other applicable laws of the country. Such companies with FDI can operate only in activities which are specifically permitted as per the 'Consolidated FDI Policy Circular of 2016'. Further, activities of e-Commerce companies inter alia involve compliance of Shops and Establishment Act of the State concerned.
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